

May 3, 2021

Commissioner Carlson, Commissioner Mayo, and Commissioner Thurlow were present at a regular meeting beginning at 8:00 a.m. The minutes were approved as printed. Payroll in the amount of \$183,607.22 was reviewed and approved by the Board. Account payables in the amount of \$638,935.65 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Chairman Eric Carlson signed the Lease-Purchase Agreement between Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Wakefield and the Board of County Commissioners for the purchase of a 2020 Caterpillar Model M140 in the amount of \$276,812.00.

Austin Gillard, CCMC CEO, met with the Board to give an update on the Medical Center. Mr. Gillard reported that he appreciates the Board allowing him to come in once a month to report on the CCMC and CCFP. The Medical Center had 3 positive COVID cases as inpatients over the weekend. City of Glasco contacted Mr. Gillard and asked if Family Physicians would be interested in providing services for the area. They have a facility that they are remodeling and would rent the building to Family Physicians. Mr. Gillard stated that the Board has agreed to provide a Doctor and a nurse for medical services in the area. The Dietary project at CCMC is going well and should be completed by July. The Medical Center is installing Negative Air Flow in 11 of the patient's rooms. The new Cerner medical records have been active for 2 weeks and everything seems to be working well.

Joel Mason, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss County business. Mr. Mason discussed some of the roads and the conditions that KDWPT has requested the County to either vacate or to take over and maintain. More research will need to be done before a decision is made on this request.

Bobby Shomper, Highway Administrator, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Last week the Department graded roads, hauled rock, worked on the removal of dirt on a hill on Osage Rd. and built up the road, mowed the County yard, sprayed weeds, ordered cold mix, did patching on old Hwy #82, installed 2 pipes on Osage Rd., and transported one of the dump trucks to Summit Truck Group for repairs at an estimated cost of \$700. The estimated date to asphalt roads in Clay County will be late July and August.

Rocky Cramer, EMS Director, met with the Board to give the weekly report. The Department continues to stay busy with emergency runs and out of town transfers. Currently they are at 312 runs for this year which is 48 runs ahead of the same time last year. Mr. Cramer stated that EMS State Conference is coming up and they will be deciding who will be attending.

Pam Kemp, Emergency Manager, and Dana Rickley, County Health Director, met with the Board to give the update on the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Rickley reported that there are 3 active cases of COVID-19 in Clay County and that they are following 6 contacts. The Health Department has given 3,438 doses of vaccines, this is not necessarily all Clay County residents. On Thursday May 13<sup>th</sup> the Health Department will be staying open after 5:00 p.m. for individuals that can not make it to the clinic through the day to receive the COVID vaccine. They will need to call and make an appointment to use this service. The Clay County Health Fair will be held June 11<sup>th</sup>, June 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, and June 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> by appointment only.

The Board granted permission for Ms. Rickley to purchase an overhead projector with Bluetooth capability.

Alan Benninga, Sheriff, met with the Board to give the weekly report. Sheriff Benninga discussed the staffing of the jail with the Board. Permission was granted to hire a PRN Deputy/Corrections Officer that will fill in as needed.

Lisa Stonehouse, Senior Director of the Clay County Child Care Center, met with the Board. Ms. Stonehouse wanted to educate the Board on what all the Child Care Center does. The Community does not understand that Head Start and the Child Care Center are two different entities. The Child Care Center has been serving children and their parents since 1972, focusing on making a difference and creating environments in which children can grow. The Clay County Child Care Center is not Federally funded. We are a nonprofit organization that is financed through payments from parents, EHS and DCF for the children that are attending. Ms. Stonehouse stated that she had heard there might be some funds in the Alcohol Fund through the County that could possibly be requested. The Board stated that they will research this matter and will be in contact with her.

The Board signed an Event Approval for an employee of the Register of Deeds Office to attend a meeting in Garden City, Kansas.

Kayla Wang presented the Board with a request for funds for the BPW Car Show that will be held on September 25, 2021. Ms. Wang stated that the money that is raised from the Car Show goes towards scholarships for High School and Continuing Education students. In 2021 the Organization awarded \$7,250 in scholarships to students. Commissioner Thurlow made the motion to donate \$800 to BPW/Clay Center to use for their Car Show. This is to be paid for out of Travel & Tourism Fund. Commissioner Mayo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Danny Mesalles, County Appraiser, met with the Board to give a Department Update. Mr. Mesalles reported that the Personal Property valuations were sent out on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. The 2004 Ford Pickup is currently for sale on the Purplewave Auctions. The Appraisers Office will be working with North Central Regional Planning Commission on the GIS mapping for the updating of the Clay County Comprehensive Plan that is being worked on.

The Board adjourned at: 12:35 p.m.

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Eric A. Carlson, Chairman

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Attest: Kayla Wang, County Clerk  
May 10, 2021  
Clay Center, Kansas